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Substrates from Solution While
Minimizing Particle Loss

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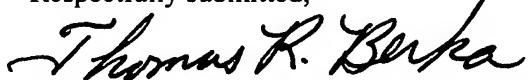
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office. A listing of the cited documents is also enclosed (modified form PTO-1449), as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents in the list.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), because this Statement is submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required. However, in case any fee may become due to comply with this requirement or to keep this application in good standing or if any refund is due Applicants in this case, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge or deposit the appropriate amount to Deposit Account No. 05-0268.

US Patents

US Patent No. 4,009,213, issued February 22, 1977; Stein et al.

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Applicants do not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein is material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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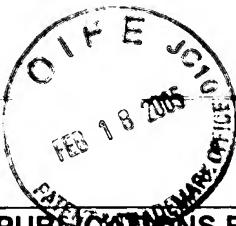
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